

**40 Days for life Vigil from 22nd September - 31st October 2021:** 8am to 8pm for 40 consecutive days outside BPAS Abortion Centre. (121 London St Reading RG1 4QAUK). For more information, please contact Martin - 07436018688. Email: 40daysforlifereading@gmail.com

**CAFOD Family Fast-Day Friday 1st October**  
CAFOD invites us to eat a simple meal or give up a meal to help communities affected by the worst impact of the climate crisis. Please put your donation in the fast day envelope provided. Many thanks for your generous support.

**6th November 2021 - Faith and Politics.** An online symposium with Bishop Philip Egan & key speakers. For more information and to book tickets, please visit the following link.: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/politics-andreligion-a-symposium-tickets-173534876487?aff=ebdssbeac>

### Community Support

**Readifood (Reading's Foodbank):** are experiencing increased demand, and the arrival of greater numbers of refugees in Reading has emphasised the importance of our support. Your donations of dried and tinned food make a huge difference to the number of people Readifood can support. You can drop off the items in the Advent room. Information on list of items can be found on <https://readifood.org.uk>.

**CIRDIC:** Items for packed lunches are needed to feed the homeless. Please take them directly to CIRDIC (St Saviours Church Hall, 1, Berkeley Ave, Reading RG1 6JT ) from 8.30am on Mondays, Tuesdays or Fridays. Please contact Mabel at [enquiries@cirdic.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@cirdic.org.uk) or text 07817 373773 to arrange delivery first.

### Resources

**Day by Day:** October / September edition in Advent Room. £1.00/ book. Please leave money in the box next to the books in the Advent Room.

**Diocesan Newsletter Summer 2021 -** The summer edition of the quarterly Diocesan Newsletter *Viva Voce* is in the Advent Room.

### Offertory Collection 19th Sept 2021

Main Envelopes	£
Loose Cash	£ 393.00
Standing Orders	£ 695.46
2nd Collection for Home Mission	£132.35

Thank you all for your kind donations

### Second Collection:

**19th September: Home Missions:** Envelopes are provided in Advent room.

**3rd October: CAFOD Fast day:** Please donate by using the envelopes provided in the Advent room or online on their website: [CAFOD.org.uk/climatecrisis](http://CAFOD.org.uk/climatecrisis).

### Catholics in Royal Berkshire Hospital

Contact duty priest: 0118 3227105.  
Chaplaincy at the RBH is covered and shared by Fr. Pat Madden (07510182722) and the priests from the FSSP (07445106330). Fr. Pat covers every Monday from 12 Noon until Thursday 12 Noon. The priests from FSSP cover from Thursday 12 Noon until Monday 12 Noon. On admission, all Catholics should inform the hospital staff that they are Roman Catholic & wish to receive Communion or see a priest. All arrangements in RBH are "Patient Led".

### Reading Catholic Churches

Christ the King, Whitley	Fr. Pat Madden
St. John Bosco, Woodley	Fr. Bill Wilson
St. James	Fr Chris Heaps
English Martyrs, Tilehurst	Cn. Michael Dennehy
St. Joseph, Tilehurst	Fr Peter Glas
St. William of York	Fr. Mathew Goddard / Fr. Seth Phipps
Our Lady & St. Anne, Caversham	Mgr. Patrick Daly

### Emergency numbers for a Priest – *Please call your own priest first*

0118 931 4469
0118 969 3423
0118 957 4171
0118 957 2149
0118 942 8632
0118 966 5284
0118 947 1787

# Our Lady of Peace & Bl Dominic Barberi

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Parish office opening hours :Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 11.00am-2.00pm.

**26th Sunday In Ordinary Time Year B**

**26th Sept 2021**

**Psalm Response: The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart.**

### Justice: Equality or inequality? (on God's touch)

Sometimes God's touch uncovers disorder in a logical mind.  
Just a gesture and we are stuck.  
We are lost like those hard working in the vineyard.  
Only grateful at the beginning.  
At the end, God is on trial.  
Righteous indignation is stronger than divinity.  
Jesus – a glutton and a drunkard,  
Saint John the Baptist – possessed,  
Saint Peter – a coward and a sinner,  
**The Church – a mother of harlots and of the filth of the earth,**  
**Others – the mob that knows nothing,**  
**And we – miserable as unfulfilled.**

Sometimes the same touch brings order to our logical mind.  
Just a gesture and we are surprised.  
A window is open. All hustles disappear.

Jesus is the Lord,  
Saint John the Baptist – the greatest prophet,  
Saint Peter – the rock,  
The Church – the channel of grace,  
Others – possible friends  
And we – amazed with the generosity of God.

And laughter when we  
watch again, the same comedy  
of a man in the corner with a long face  
And opposite God with a human heart.

Fr Stan

\* Mass / Service will be live streamed via YouTube (olop earley).

Please note that the dispensation from obligatory attendance of Sunday Mass remains valid until the 1st week of Advent

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
Sun 26th September 26th Sunday in Ordinary time	8.00am 8.30am 10.30am *11.00 am 5.00pm	Rosary Donal Gilboy RIP rec. dec Rosary Barbara thanksgiving Maria Elena Carvallo RIP rec. dec
Mon 27th September St Vincent de Paul	6.00pm (Students & Parishioners) 7.00pm No Mass	Adoration & Confession Rosary Intention available
Tues 28th September St Wenceslaus	10.00am	Georgina Alexander thanksgiving
Wed 29th September The Holy Archangels Michael, Gabriel & Raphael	10.00am 4.00pm	Peter Pittaway RIP Foundation Mass Rosary
Thur 30th September St Jerome	No Mass	
Fri 1st October St Teresa of the Child Jesus CAFOD fast day	11.00am-7.00pm- 6.30pm 7.00pm	Adoration Rosary Intention available
Sat 2nd October The Holy Guardian Angels	10.00am-13.00 1st Sat Devotion to our Lady	Holy Souls in purgatory
Sun 3rd October 27th Sunday in Ordinary time	8.00am 8.30am 10.30am *11.00 am 5.00pm	Rosary Donal Gilboy RIP rec. dec Rosary John Lilley RIP Foundation Mass Intention available

Sunday Masses can be booked via our website [www.olop.org.uk](http://www.olop.org.uk) (latest by 8.00pm Friday) or by calling the Parish Office on 0118 9663711. If you are booking via telephone, then please call by Friday 3.00pm at the latest, as messages will not be accessed after this time.

Annual Mass Count for Pastoral Statistics will be carried out during all Sunday Masses on 26th Sept, 3rd & 10th October.

### October: Month of Rosary

The month of October each year is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. It was instituted to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary in gratitude for the protection that she gives the Church in answer to the praying of the Rosary by the faithful." (Rev. Matthew R. Mauriello, Source: Catholic.net) .

#### Anniversaries: Please keep in your prayers

28th Sept: John Lilley (2002); Godfrey Vivian Watson (1998);  
29th Sept: David Wilford (2007); Noel Shiels (2012); 30th Sept: Ethel Wiggins (2005).  
3rd Oct: William Collins (1988); Mary Murray (1999); Ita Olivier (2014);

Please also pray for members of the parish and their family who are sick or housebound.

### Changes to seating arrangements in the Church:

We will continue to leave alternate pews empty to maintain distance and the other pews will return to pre-covid conditions with the option for members of the congregation to place a card by their side requesting that some space be left next to them. Cards bearing the words: 'Please leave a space' are available by the pews. All other Covid measures of face covering, hand sanitisation will remain as before.

#### This week

**Sunday 26th September, Tea & Coffee is back after 8.30am & 11.00am Mass.** Please join us for refreshments and a chance to catch up after Mass.

**Sunday Rosary:** Our 8.00am Rosary is well established before the 8.30am Mass, we will start another Rosary at 10.30 am in the church from 26th September. If it is successful we will continue saying the Rosary before the 11.00am Mass throughout the year.

**Sunday 26th September 2021: First Holy Communion 2022 - First meeting at 12.30pm.** We thank all the parents who have submitted their request for their child to receive First Holy Communion. Father Stan will meet all the Parents with their child at 12.30pm.

**Saturday 2nd October : 1st Saturday of the month 10am-1pm.( Dedication to our Lady)** Adoration, Rosary followed by Holy Mass.

#### Parish News:

**2nd Sunday of the Month – Divine Mercy prayers from 2.30 pm – 3.20 pm.** We will gather intentions specifically focused on begging for MERCY. Intentions are collected on Sundays in extra box called: "DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION".

**For the vulnerable & housebound Parishioners:** Even though restrictions have been lifted, we are aware that not everybody is ready to attend church. Please contact the parish office if you would like to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Holy Communion at home. We are hoping to start making appointments for Fr Stan to make home visits from October .

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Before Sunday & Weekday Masses. On Fridays and Holy Days of Obligation 6.00pm-7.00pm or by private appointment with Fr Stan.

**Baptism:** If you wish to celebrate the baptism (of a child) here, please contact Father Stan.

**Helping those most vulnerable in our Parish.** If you know of anyone, or are yourself lonely and/or vulnerable, please consider giving details to the parish office.

**The Parish Bereavement Support Group** can be contacted via the Parish Office.

**SOCIAL CLUB** now open, see the website [olopsocialclub.co.uk](http://olopsocialclub.co.uk) or posters in the complex for details.

#### Forthcoming Events in our Parish.

**Saturday 23rd October:** 2021 is a very important year for Fr Stan. He celebrated his Silver anniversary of priesthood in May and will be turning 50 in October!!!. We are planning a party for him on Saturday 23rd October. Please keep the day free and we will keep you updated with more information. If you are able to help in any manner then please get in touch with the Parish office or Zuzanne after Sunday Mass.

**Consecration of the Church by Bishop Philip on Wednesday 8th December at 6.00pm.** Please keep our church in your prayers.

#### Pastoral News:

**Diocesan Survey - A Thousand Voices:** The views, hopes and fears of the lay faithful in the Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth. The analysis of the survey can be found at <https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/survey>.

**Synod Preparatory Document :** The Vatican has published the Preparatory Document for the 2023 Synod. In the Diocese of Portsmouth, Bishop Philip will initiate the synodal process with a special Mass in the Cathedral on Sunday 17th October. The document can be accessed on the diocese website.